

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 7/9/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Geoff O'Quest, 805-781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve recommended responses from the Sheriff and Cal Fire/County Fire to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems."			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> (1) Accept and file recommended responses from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems"; (2) Approve recommended responses from Cal Fire/County Fire to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems"; and </div> Forward the approved response from the Sheriff and Cal Fire/County Fire to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury by July 29, 2013.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW This item was prepared by the County Administrative Office			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) - All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst / 805-781-5011

DATE: 7/9/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve recommended responses from the Sheriff and Cal Fire/County Fire to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board:

- (1) Accept and file recommended responses from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems";
- (2) Approve recommended responses from Cal Fire/County Fire to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems"; and
- (3) Forward the approved response from the Sheriff and Cal Fire/County Fire to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury by July 29, 2013.

DISCUSSION

On June 4, 2013, the Grand Jury issued a report on "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems." This report presents the 2012-13 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury's investigation of the feasibility of consolidating public safety dispatch services in the cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach. The report contains six findings and three recommendations. The report requires responses from the Sheriff and Cal Fire/County Fire to its findings and recommendations as identified below. The response from each department is attached to this staff report. The report does not require a response from the Board of Supervisors.

Sheriff-Coroner:

Finding #5. "The County Sheriff's Office is prepared to handle both police and fire dispatches for Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach."

Recommendation #2. "All city law enforcement, city managers, Sheriff, Five Cities Fire Authority and CAL FIRE should join in meeting with an independent facilitator to finalize consolidation of dispatch by contracting dispatch services with the Sheriff's Department."

CAL FIRE/County Fire:

Finding #4. "Five Cities Fire Authority does not want CAL FIRE's involvement with the use and allocation of the Five Cities Fire Authority equipment."

Finding #6. "The reluctance to consolidate dispatch by Five Cities Fire Authority and CAL FIRE has brought action to a stalemate in finding answers to the dispatch issue."

Recommendation #2. "All city law enforcement, city managers, Sheriff, Five Cities Fire Authority and CAL FIRE should join in meeting with an independent facilitator to finalize consolidation of dispatch by contracting dispatch services with the Sheriff's Department."

Recommendation #3. "Five Cities Fire Authority and CAL FIRE should work with an independent facilitator to develop a written contract defining fire service to be performed and the use of each department's assets."

Responses from the Sheriff and Cal Fire/County Fire are due to the Presiding Judge by July 29, 2013. No response is required from the Board of Supervisors. The County Administrative Office procedures include coordinating the departmental responses to Grand Jury reports and preparing recommended responses on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. The departmental responses to this Grand Jury report are attached and, where appropriate, incorporated as the Board's response.

OTHER DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Grand Jury met with city, county and state officials as part of its inquiry, including the Sheriff-Coroner, the Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach Chiefs of Police, the City Managers of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach, the Chief of the Five Cities Fire Authority, and the Cal Fire/County Fire Chief. The County Administrative Office reviewed the responses to the Grand Jury report prepared by the Sheriff and the Cal Fire/County Fire in the development of the recommended Board response to this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this item.

RESULTS

This response will meet the legal requirements and time frames for responding to a Grand Jury report with findings and recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sheriff's response to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems."
3. Cal Fire/County Fire's response to the Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems."
2. Grand Jury's 2012-13 report "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems."